

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on March 31, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 28, 3/31/2017

HEARING ON HJ 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Interim study of natural gas customer choice.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:35 John Iverson, Big Sky Gas
EXHIBIT(feh67a01)

00:04:57 Rep. Olsen joins meeting
00:05:04 Bill Houston, Big Sky Gas
00:06:42 Patsy Rasch, Big Sky Gas

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:58 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:32 Chair Zolnikov
00:12:07 Gary Forrester, MDU
00:13:17 Vice Chair Skees
00:14:49 Gary Forrester, MDU

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:40 Rep. Bishop

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28

00:18:02 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HJ 28 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:18:27 Chair Zolnikov
00:19:18 Vice Chair Hayman
00:19:51 Rep. C. Knudsen
00:20:10 Rep. Redfield
00:20:40 Chair Zolnikov
00:20:53 Vice Chair Skees
00:22:03 Chair Zolnikov
00:22:27 Rep. Knudsen
00:22:36 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division, LSD
00:22:43 Rep. Bishop
00:23:14 Vice Chair Skees
00:23:34 Rep. Olsen

00:24:03 Rep. Skees withdrew the **DO PASS** motion.

00:24:28 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
00:25:46 Chair Zolnikov

00:25:52 Vice Chair Skees
00:27:33 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:28:10

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh67aad.pdf](#))